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IN THE MATTER OF QWEST CORPORATION'S
TARIFF FILING TO INTRODUCE A NEW RATE
STRUCTURE FOR AN ACCESS SERVICE USED
BY INTEREXCHANGE CARRIERS.

DOCKET NO. T-01051B-01-0391

PROCEDURAL ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

On May 7, 2001, Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") filed tariff revisions to introduce five new rate elements in the Common Channel Signaling Access Capability ("CCSAC") section of the Access Service Tariff – ISUP and TCAP Signal Transport, and ISUP and TCAP Signal Switching. These new rate elements would apply to carriers that interface with Qwest's signaling network. The access services used by interexchange carriers are included in Basket 2 of the Price Cap Plan approved by the Commission in Decision No. 63487.

On June 5, 2001, the Commission, in Decision No. 63745, suspended the tariff until September 3, 2001, to allow Staff to complete its review of the filing.

On August 30, 2001, the Commission, in Decision No. 63978, suspended the tariff for an additional 180 days, in order to allow Staff to continue its review of the application and to allow time for Qwest and a third-party SS7 provider to reach a resolution of the issues raised in the filing. The Commission also ordered the Hearing Division to set this matter for hearing.

On September 17, 2001, e-spire Communications, Inc., American Communications Services of Pima County, Inc., and ACSI Local Switched Services, Inc. (collectively, "e-spire") filed a letter requesting that the Commission set this matter for hearing before Qwest is given approval to unbundle its SS7 from its intrastate access tariff.

On September 19, 2001, Cox Arizona Telecom, L.L.C. ("Cox") filed a motion to intervene in this matter. Cox states that it is both a customer and competitor of Qwest and that it will be directly and substantially affected by the outcome of this docket.

1 On September 27, 2001, Eschelon Telecom of Arizona, Inc. ("Eschelon") filed a motion to
2 intervene in this matter. Eschelon states that it is a competitive local exchange carrier ("CLEC") and,
3 as such, is both a customer and competitor of Qwest. Eschelon has several objections to the proposed
4 tariff and states that approval of the tariff would impose an unjustified economic burden on Eschelon
5 and other CLECs.

6 No party opposed the requests for intervention filed by Cox and Eschelon. Although e-spire
7 did not specifically request intervention, its letter indicates a substantial interest in the proceeding.
8 Accordingly, e-spire's letter will be considered a request for intervention in this matter.

9 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that a hearing in this matter be scheduled for January 3 and
10 4, 2002, at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as is practical, at the Commission's offices at 1200 West
11 Washington, Phoenix, Arizona.

12 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that e-spire, Cox and Eschelon are hereby granted intervention.

13 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a pre-hearing conference for the purpose of scheduling
14 witnesses and discussing other procedural issues shall be held on December 20, 2001, at 1:00 p.m., at
15 the Commission's offices.

16 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Presiding Officer may rescind, alter, amend, or waive
17 any portion of this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by ruling at hearing.

18 DATED this 10th day of October, 2001.

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